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Annotations/programme of work

26 April 2004

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

3. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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4. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 58/101 A and B of 9 December 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003.

26-28 April 2004

5. General debate and consideration of substantive questions[1]

Consideration of this item will include the following reports:

Report of the Secretary-General on the reorientation of the Department of Public Information (A/AC.198/2004/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rationalization of the network of United Nations information centres (A/AC.198/2004/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the modernization and integrated management of United Nations libraries and an in-depth review of the library activities (A/AC.198/2004/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Communications Group (A/AC.198/2004/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on better publicizing the work and decisions of the General Assembly (A/AC.198/2004/6)

29 April-6 May 2004

6. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

3 May 2004

7. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee to commemorate the occasion on 3 May 2004 in the morning.

7 May 2004

8. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session

Notes

[1] The following wording for the sub-items of the general debate is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communication order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.